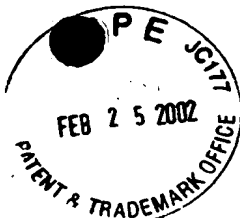


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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: FLEXIBLE PIPE ✓

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: EXAMINER: S. HON ✓

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 6, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 8.

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

9. (Twice amended) The pipe as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the flexible polymer is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an ethylene-C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-α-olefin copolymer having from 20 to 96% by weight of ethylene polymerized with a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-α-olefin selected from the group consisting of propene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 1-decene or 1-dodecene as

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